



State Representative Al Adinolfi

Dear Friend,

It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative for the 103rd District in the House of Representatives.

This report briefly covers some of the topics debated/passed during the regular 2006 legislative session, and I hope you will find it informative.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments regarding state issues please don't hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

alfred c adinolfi



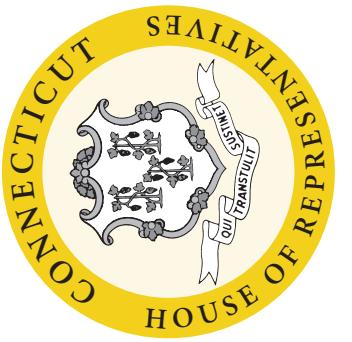
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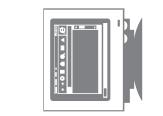


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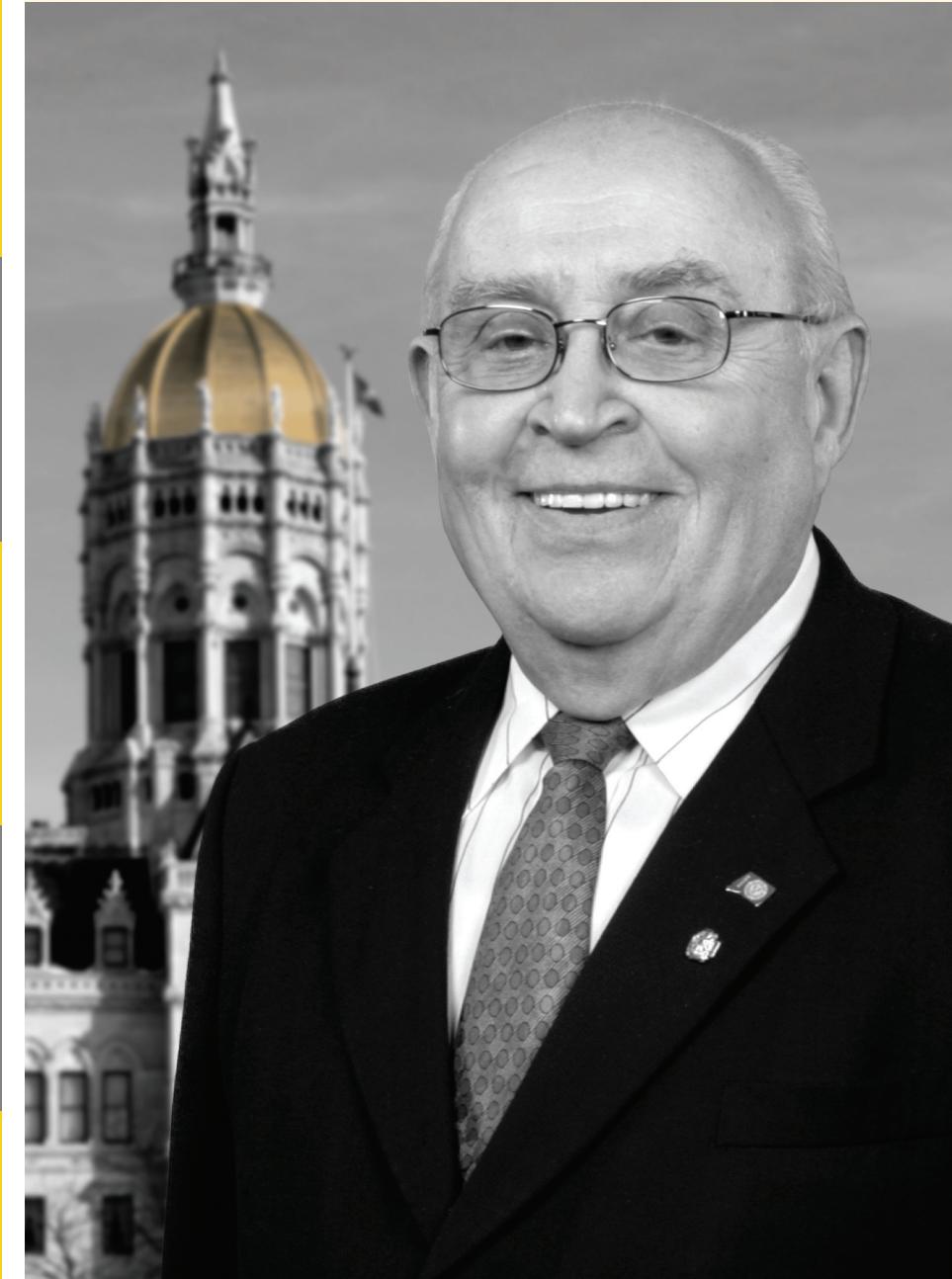
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2006 Annual Legislative Report



The State Budget

This year I continued my service on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee. The General Assembly approved a \$16 billion state budget that represented a compromise between legislative Democrats and Governor M. Jodi Rell and legislative Republicans.

The deal includes a phased-out repeal of the corporate surcharge, which many of my colleagues and I have fought for since the beginning of the legislative session. It also includes a number of tax cuts for business which will help improve the economy and increase jobs in the state, such as a phase out of the property tax on machinery and equipment.

We also increased deposits in the Rainy Day Fund from the Democrats' proposed \$39 million to \$190 million, which boosts the fund to \$800 million. The budget deal also fully funds the Teachers' Pension Fund, which has been repeatedly shortchanged by majority Democrats to fuel other spending projects. The final budget is also under the constitutionally mandated spending cap in both years.



In March of 2006 the National Guard Association of Connecticut (NGACT) bestowed its Meritorious Service Award on State Rep. Al Adinolfi for his work on behalf of veterans and soldiers.

Representative Adinolfi confers with Representative Marlyn Giuliano of Old Saybrook on the floor of the House of Representatives.



For Seniors/Veterans/Healthcare

I was honored earlier this year to have earned the Connecticut Commission on Aging's first annual "Agewise Advocate Award" for ongoing support of the state's present and future generations of older residents. I also received the National Guard Association of Connecticut's (NGACT) Meritorious Service Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Department of Defense's Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for my work on behalf of veterans and soldiers.

Under new laws, homeowner-companion agencies must now register with the Department of Consumer Protection and employees must undergo background checks. Legislation will protect jobs and finances of National Guard members who are called up for state service such as a natural disasters, just as they would if called up for national service. The legislature updated Connecticut law on end of life decisions, hospital-acquired infections and umbilical cord blood banking.

Transportation

The traffic congestion Connecticut has endured not only creates annoying commutes, but it kills jobs and the economy. This year the General Assembly committed \$2.3 billion to expand rail services and improve Connecticut's highways and roads.

School Construction

The General Assembly passed legislation that would provide local, regional, charter and vo-tech school funds for building and renovating schools throughout the state. The state investment totals over \$785 million, reducing the property tax burden on municipalities for school improvements.

The Cost of Energy

Despite a 22% increase on ratepayers having been implemented this year, and power consumers continuing to be gouged by rising costs, the legislative majority blocked a proposal by House Republicans that would have reduced the public utilities gross earning tax on electric and power companies. I supported this proposal that would have reduced the residential rate from 6.8% to 4.0%, and the commercial rate from 8.5% to 5.0%. It would have also reduced the gross earnings tax by 41%, and saved ratepayers roughly \$60 million annually. Unfortunately the proposal was defeated on a party-line vote.

There were also attempts to address the spiking cost of gasoline including the temporary repeal of the 25 cents a gallon state gasoline tax between Memorial Day and Labor Day. These proposals were also defeated by the majority despite a nearly \$700 million budget surplus.

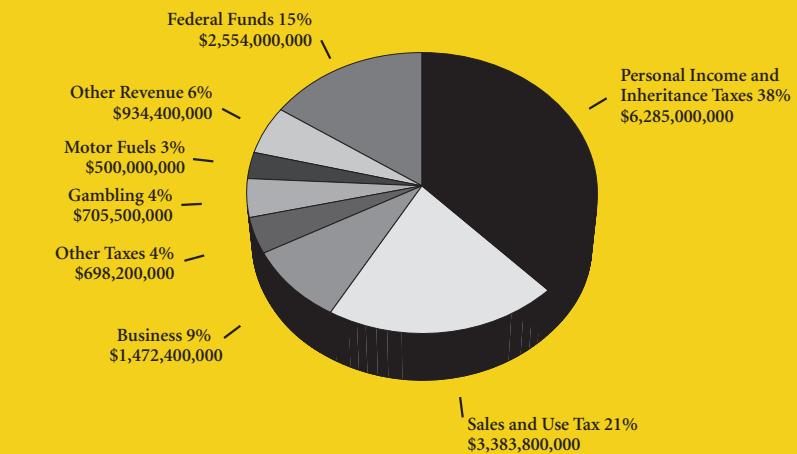
Underage Drinking

The General Assembly passed legislation I co-sponsored that prohibits individuals from allowing minors to possess alcohol on private property and prohibits minors from possessing alcohol on private property. Surprisingly, underage drinking flourishes at private residences, and is more common than in more public areas. This bill addresses underage drinking right where it takes place most often.

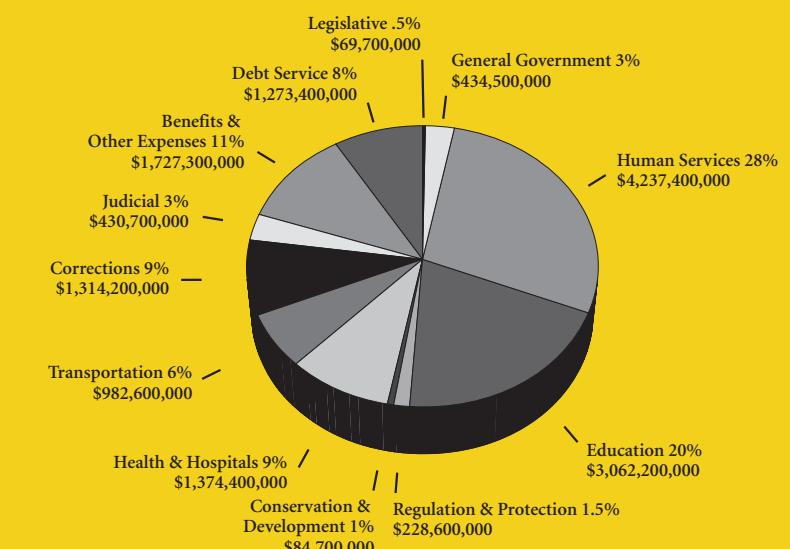
BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



*In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.